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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (1 pg.), Form 1449 (1 pg.), and copies of 10 cited references.

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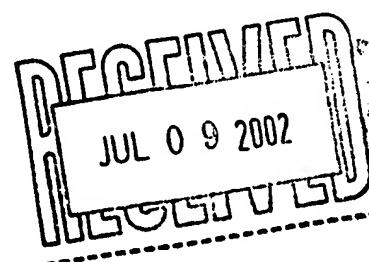
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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Applicant is submitting herewith Japanese patent publication 2001-175637 and German Patent 10062649 with English abstracts attached to the front of the non-English patents. Applicant submits that the English abstracts are a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English patents as they are presently understood and as required under 1.98(a)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of said patents. For the Examiner's convenience, said patents have been listed on the enclosed Form 1449 and a copy of each patent with its English abstract is enclosed herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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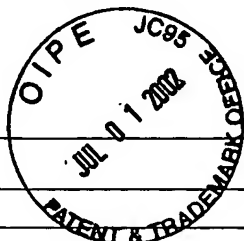
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